

LECTOTYPE DESIGNATION OF *CONOSOMA CARINULA*
BLATCHLEY (= *COPROPORUS LAEVIS* LeCONTE)
(COLEOPTERA: STAPHYLINIDAE)

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I recently had the opportunity, through the kindness of Mr. Arwin Provonsha of Purdue University, to examine the type specimens of the species of *Conosoma* (now *Sepedophilus* Gistel) described by W. S. Blatchley from Indiana.

Blatchley (1910) described *Conosoma carinula* from an undesignated number of specimens from Vigo Co., Indiana. However, the species was assigned to the wrong genus and is, in fact, a junior synonym of *Coproporus laevis* LeConte. (**New synonymy**).

I hereby designate a female with following labels as the lectotype: "TYPE/Vigo Co., Ind. W.S.B., 10-6-94/Purdue Blatchley Collection/*Conosoma carinula* sp. nov. 4711/*Coproporus laevis* Lec. det. 1975, J. M. Campbell/LECTOTYPE *Conosoma carinula* Blatchley, des. 1975, J. M. Campbell;" Blatchley collection at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

The specimen is mounted on a triangular point and is in poor condition with the abdomen contracted, one antenna missing, and the entire underside obscured by glue. However, it agrees well with Blatchley's (1910:451) description, and there is no doubt about the identification of the species.

It agrees in all respects with the type of *Coproporus laevis* (see Campbell 1975:198) and must be considered a synonym of this species.

REFERENCES CITED

- BLATCHLEY, W. S. 1910. An illustrated descriptive catalogue of the Coleoptera or beetles (exclusive of the Rhynchophora) known to occur in Indiana. Indianapolis, 1386p.
CAMPBELL, J. M. 1975. A revision of the genera *Coproporus* and *Cilea* (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae) of America north of Mexico. Canadian Ent. 107:175-216.

FIELD TRIP TO JAMAICA

Following the annual meeting of the Entomological Society of America in New Orleans, a field trip for coleopterists to the Blue Mountains of Jamaica is planned. The group attending will leave New Orleans on December 4 and return on December 9. The approximate cost is \$190.00 for the return air fare to New Orleans and \$70.00 for transport, accommodation, and food in Jamaica. The group attending will be limited to a maximum of 24 persons.

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